

Mansfield Open Space Preservation Committee
Minutes for November 17, 2009

Members present:

Vicky Wetherall, Jim Morrow, Michael Allison Quentin Kessel, Steve Lowrey, Ken Feathers and
Jennifer Kaufman

1. Chairman Jim Morrow called the meeting to order at 7:38 PM
2. Lowrey/Kessel: Motion to approve the minutes of October 20, 2009, motion carried.
3. Public Comment: No public present.
4. Report from Town Staff:
Reviewed draft of annual report that Jennifer had submitted; the committee approved it with minor revisions that Morrow would forward to Jennifer.
5. Old Business:
None discussed
6. New Business:
 - Jennifer summarized the FOI statutes and how they applied to the OSPC. There was some discussion regarding e-mail editing of comments to the Town Manager and Executive Session concerning possible land purchases and field trips on those properties.
 - Approval of proposed meeting dates: Kessel/Wetherall, to approve the proposed dates, motion carried.
 - Appt. of Secretary: Lowrey agreed to take minutes
 - Discussion of presentation to the Town Council: since there are a number of new members on the Council it seemed relevant to come to a meeting and explain to them the function of the Land use advisory Boards (Open Space Protection Committee, Conservation Commission, Agriculture Committee and the Parks Advisory Committee. Kaufman will check with the Town Manager to arrange a date.
 - Discussion of marking trails on the Dorwart Property: There was a discussion of what the Committees goals of a trail system was, the various members would walk the property on their own and then schedule a joint field trip with PAC to layout trails
 - Morrow/Feather to go into Executive Session, motion carried at 8:57 PM
Wetherall/Morrow to come out of Executive Session, motion carried at 9:07 PM
7. No reports from staff
8. No Communications
9. Future agendas: Next month there will be some referrals to Council to discuss
10. Wetherall/Lowrey to adjourn, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:08

Respectfully submitted
Stephen Lowrey